



Engaging Fathers in Child Welfare¹ ***Values and Goals***

VALUES: Every family has the potential to keep children safe and well.

Public child welfare staff, family members and friends, parent advocates, foster parents and community partners are the primary agents of success for families in crisis.

GOALS: To provide all parents (**including fathers**) with children in imminent risk of entering foster care the information they need to successfully advocate for themselves and their children.

To provide all parents (**including fathers**) with substance abuse histories the skills they need to advocate for the services and resources they need to overcome their addiction and maintain their recovery.

To provide all parents (**including fathers**) with children in imminent risk of entering foster care the means to participate in all decisions made about their children's care, custody and placement.

To provide parents (**including fathers**) who have experienced the child welfare system with opportunities to influence and improve child welfare policy, practice and resource allocation with the goal of improving system outcomes.

To provide all child welfare staff with the skills and tools necessary to work effectively with fathers, families, and children.

To inform the public, legislators, and the community at large about the struggles and successes of fathers who have been involved with child welfare.

¹Values and Goals are from Parent Engagement Planning Tools